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SUBJECT: TRANSKEI AND BOPHUTHATSWANA FAIL TO ESTABLISH
DIPLOMATIC LINKS

1. A "STATE" VISIT BY BOPHUTHATSWANA PRESIDENT LUCAS MANGOPE TO UMTATA IN LATE MAY REPORTEDLY FAILED TO ACHIEVE ANY IMPROVEMENT IN TIES BETWEEN THE FIRST TWO "INDEPENDENT" HOMELANDS OF SOUTH AFRICA. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS MANGOPE WAS UNABLE TO OBTAIN THE DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION HE REPORTEDLY SOUGHT AND, PERHAPS IN RETALIATION, PUBLICLY CRITICIZED TRANSKEI POLICIES.

2. THIS WAS THE FIRST MEETING BETWEEN MANGOPE AND TRANSKEI PRIME MINISTER KAISER MATANZIMA SINCE MATANZIMA ATTENDED BOPHUTHATSWANA'S INDEPENDENCE CEREMONIES LAST DECEMBER. IT WAS BILLED AS A "STATE" VISIT AND TRANSKEI PROVIDED ALL THE TRAPPINGS OF THE VISIT OF A HEAD OF AN INDEPENDENT STATE,
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INCLUDING A 21-GUN SALUTE (DELIVERED BY A 19TH CENTURY MUZZLE-LOADING CANNON WHICH WAS ALL THE TRANSKEI ARMY COULD ARRANGE IN THE WAY OF AN ARTILLERY PIECE). DESPITE THE DEGREE OF PROTOCOL, HOWEVER, MATANZIMA REFUSED TO RECOGNIZE THE "INDEPENDENCE" OF BOPHUTHATSWANA WHICH, HE IS REPORTED TO HAVE CLAIMED PRIVATELY, WAS A TRUE CREATURE OF APARTHEID. HE BELIEVES, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, THAT TRANSKEI WILL ONLY ENDANGER

HER OWN CLAIM TO SOVEREIGNTY AND HISTORICAL UNIQUENESS AMONG
S.A. HOMELANDS BY ASSOCIATING TOO CLOSELY WITH OTHER "ARTIFICIAL"
STATES. THESE REPORTS SPECULATE MANGOPE WAS EXPECTING SUCH
RECOGNITION AND, WHEN IT WAS NOT FORTHCOMING, PUBLICLY CRITICIZED
TRANSKEI FOR BREAKING WITH S.A., WHICH HE ARGUED MADE IT MORE
DIFFICULT TO REGAIN AT SOME POINT THE "INDIVISIBILITY OF THE
SUB-CONTINENT". HE ALSO POINTEDLY REFERRED TO THE BILL OF
RIGHTS IN THE BOPHUTHATSWANA CONSTITUTION, WHICH HE SAID WAS
SOMETHING ALL STATES NEED TO HELP UNIFY SOUTH AFRICANS, A NONE-
TOO-SUBTLE REFERENCE TO THE LACK OF ANY SUCH BILL IN TRANSKEI'S
OWN CONSTITUTION.
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